

REMARKS

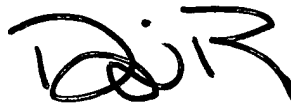
Examination of the presently allowed application in further view of amended claims 1 and 26 is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 26 to conform the claims to the specification and drawings, and not in any way due to a substantial reason related to patentability or any other reason that might give rise to estoppel. Therefore, the above amendments to claims 1 and 26 have not narrowed the scope of these claims within the meaning defined in Fest Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 535 U.S. 722 (2002).

In view of the above remarks, Applicants assert that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice to that effect.

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